Q & A: Robotics League Participation Grant

1. **What is the purpose for this grant?**
   The Robotics League Participation grants are to be used to facilitate participation in robotics competitions.

2. **When are grant applications due?**
   Grant applications must be received by 11:59 p.m., October 14, 2016

3. **What qualifies as "matching funds" for this grant?**
   The grant requires 100% matching funds. The funds are to be an actual dollar amount. In kind contributions are not considered a dollar-for-dollar match.

4. **I think I am going to be able to secure more matching money after the application deadline. May I include these funds I think I am going to be able to secure in my grant application?**
   No. All matching funds are to be secured by the date the application is due, October 14, 2016. You cannot list funds you think you might get after the due date.

5. **Can I apply for this grant if my robotics team has members who are not Wisconsin students or if we want to compete in a robotics event not held in Wisconsin?**
   No. The intended purpose for this grant is to support participation by eligible Wisconsin students in eligible Wisconsin robotics competitions.

6. **Who is eligible to apply for this grant?**
   Teams are eligible as outlined in state statute. These are teams whose members are in 9th – 12th grade during the 2016-2017 grant year and meet all other requirements. Eligible teams may be organized by private schools, home-based private education programs, charter schools and other entities that organize an eligible team.

7. **My robotics team has an 8th grade student, but all other team members are in 9-12th grade. Is my team eligible for this grant?**
   No. Under state statute, only teams consisting of 9-12th grade students are eligible and meet all other requirements.

8. **Can my eligible robotics team get grant funding to attend more than one robotics competition?**
   No. This grant is for an eligible team to compete in a robotics competition.

9. **What type of robotics competitions are eligible for teams to participate?**
   A robotics competition is eligible if the competition requires teams to design, and operate robots and is sponsored by a nonprofit corporation, described under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Service.

10. **My local technical college is sponsoring a robotics competition. May I apply for a Robotics League Participation Grant to participate in this robotics competition?**
    No. This grant requires that the organization sponsoring the robotics competition be a nonprofit corporation as described under s 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service. Although public schools and technical colleges are nonprofit organizations, they are government/public entities and are not necessarily 501(c)(3) organizations. **Please note;** the location of the competition is not necessarily the sponsoring organization. If a high school or technical college is hosting the competition that is sponsored by a non-profit corporation (as described in question 9) the competition would be eligible.

11. **What is the maximum amount of funds that I can request?**
    Eligible teams may apply for up to $5,000 per team.

12. **Is it possible that the amount I request for funding in my application is ultimately decreased?**
    Yes. The grants may be prorated depending on the number of eligible teams that apply. In compliance with state statute, there is no limit for the number of grants awarded, but the maximum total amount allowable is $250,000. If the total application amounts requested and determined eligible exceeds $250,000 all grant awards will be equally prorated.

13. **If my grant application is approved, when will I be notified about the funding?**
    Grant applications are due October 14, 2016. Applications will then be reviewed to determine if all funding criteria as outlined in s. 115.45 Wis. Stats., and PI 29 are met. Applicants will be notified following the review which will be early-mid November.

14. **If my application is funded, when will I receive my money?**
    Applicants will receive funding after participation in the approved robotics league competition. A post-competition form will need to be completed after the eligible team participates in the robotics competition. Once the post-competition form is received and approved, grant award funds will be processed for payment.